Docket No.: 052775-0037 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Keiji FUSE : Confirmation Number: 4087

Application No.: 10/532,044 : Group Art Unit: 2872

Filed: April 21, 2005 : Examiner: PRITCHETT, Joshua L.

For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT AND LASER MACHINING APPARATUS

USING SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of March 25, 2008 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group II (claims 2, 3/2, 4/2, 6/2, 6/3/2, and 6/4/2) for prosecution in the above-identified application. With reference to the telephonic conversation of March 28, 2008 between Examiner and Eric Shelton, Applicant notes that the Office Action is incomplete with respect to the claims readable upon Group II, as Group II includes claims 6/3/2 and 6/4/2, as indicated above.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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